(ख) और (ग) मई में किए गए नाभिकीय परीक्षणों के बाद अमरीका के घरेलू कानून के व्यादेशानुसर संयुक्त राज्य अमरीका तथा अन्य देशों द्वारा भी कुछ प्रतिबंधात्मक आर्थिक उपायों की घोषणा की गई थी। दोहरे उपयोग की उच्च प्रौद्योगिकी से संबद्ध मदों, विशेष रूप से अमरीका के वाणिज्य विभाग द्वारा अधिसूचित भारतीय वास्तविक वस्तुओं की सूची से सम्बद्ध अमरीकी निर्यात पर प्रतिबंध लगाने, और एक्जिम वित्त पोषण पर प्रतिबंधों (जो अब उठाया जा रहा है) के अलावा भारत के साथ व्यापार करने पर और कोई प्रतिबंध नहीं लगाए गए हैं।

(घ) जी नहीं। उपर्युक्त (क) के संबंध में भारत की स्थिति की समीक्षा इस समय विचाराधीन नहीं है।

Border Trade with Bangladesh

575. SHRI KHAGEN DAS: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a proposal sent by N.E. States for facilitating border trade with Bangladesh;

(b) if so, what steps have been taken by Government in this regard; and

(c) the reaction of Government of Bangladesh to this proposal?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SOMPAL): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) At the 5th Indo-Bangladesh Joint Economic Commission (JEC) meeting in March 1997, both sides discussed the question of trade in local produce between areas in India and Bangladesh at selected points contiguous to the border between the two countries and agreed to set up a group of experts to examine and make recommendations on the modalities of border trade. The Government of Bangladesh has been informed about the composition of the Indian group of experts and has been requested for information on the formation of their group of experts for discussing the modalities for border trade. A proposal to hold the first meeting in India has been made to the Government of Bangladesh who have also been requested to indicate dates convenient for the meeting.

Transit Route Through Bangladesh

576. SHRI KHAGEN DAS: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a long pending demand for a transit route for passenger and trade through Bangladesh in Tripura and other parts of North-East;

(b) if so, what steps have been taken by Government to get the transit route opened;

(c) whether Government have taken up the matter with the Government of Bangladesh for a passage to Chittagong port; and

(d) the reaction of Government of Bangladesh to this proposal?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SOMPAL): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) to (d) India has a limited transit facility through Bangladesh under the provisions of the India-Bangladesh Waterways Transit & Trade Protocol (IWT&TP) which has been in operation since 1972. Government have also made repeated proposals to the Government of Bangladesh for overland transit facilities for passenger and freight traffic. Bangladesh has not agreed to these proposals. Government continue to pursue the matter.

Moratorium of Production of Fissile Material

577. SHRI SANATAN BISI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that US Secretary of State Mrs. Albright has recently stated that for getting the sanctions lifted in addition to signing the CTBT, India must apply a moratorium on production of fissile material; and

(b) if so, the details thereof including the reaction of Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SOMPAL): (a) and (b) The